

Amendments to the Claims

These claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An echo canceller, characterised in that the echo canceller comprises comprising a dedicated non-stationary echo canceller for distinguishing between stationary and non-stationary echo components in order to suppress only the non-stationary echo components.
2. (previously presented) The echo canceller according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-stationary echo canceller comprises a stationary echo estimator and/or a non-stationary echo estimator.
3. (previously presented) The echo canceller according to claim 2, characterised in that the stationary echo estimator is a stationary noise estimator.
4. (previously presented) The echo canceller according to claim 3, characterised in that the stationary noise estimator is based on minimum statistics.
5. (previously presented) The echo canceller according to claim 1, characterised in that the echo canceller comprises an adaptive filter and a residual echo processor coupled to the adaptive filter, which residual echo processor is equipped with the non-stationary echo canceller.

6. (previously presented) The echo canceller according to claim 1, characterised in that the echo canceller comprises comfort noise inserting means.

7. (previously presented) A communication device, such as for example a speakerphone or teleconferencing device, a telephone device, in particular a mobile telephone, a hands-free telephone or the like, characterised in that the communication device comprises one or more echo cancellers according to claim 1.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)